

## **San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area**

The San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area (SFVWA) is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Julian and two miles east of the Volcan Mountains. The property was acquired in two phases by the Department (1995, 1999) and is a Type C Wildlife area. The property is approximately 1,646 acres and is made up of several habitat types, including, alluvial fan sage scrub, live oak, riparian, grasslands and agricultural fields. Currently uses authorized by the Department are hiking, dog training and hunting of all legal species from September 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Shotguns are allowed throughout the WA; rifles and pistols are only allowed in possession north of highway S-2 on the WA. Public parking and access are provided off of Highway S-2 and campers or trailers are not allowed on the wildlife area.. A kiosk with maps and information regarding property boundaries, uses and regulations are available at parking area and access into the property is by foot only. The resource inventory of San Felipe was started in 1997 by the San Diego Natural History Museum. The Department began an in-house bio-inventory in February of 2002 (Table 10).



**Figure 16.** San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area

Mule deer and mountain lion monitoring also occurs here as part of a Department study looking at the interaction of these two species. The study is conducted by the Department's Wildlife and Inland Fisheries Division, with the help and volunteership of the SCR monitoring team.

**Table 10.** Wildlife Species occurring in the San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area - 2002

<b>MAMMALS</b>			
<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments*</b>
Audubon's (Desert) Cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>		1 individual seen.
Bat	<i>Myotis</i> sp.		1 individual at day roost in burned riparian. Flew when disturbed. Photo.
California Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus beecheyi</i>		1 individual seen.
Woodrat	<i>Neotoma</i> sp.		Nest
Coyote	<i>Canis latrans</i>		Scat
Bobcat	<i>Lynx rufus</i>		Scat
Mule Deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>		Tracks
<b>BIRDS</b>			
<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments*</b>
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	SSC	2 ind., prob. pair in oak woodland.
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	SSC	1
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>		1
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>		15
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>		1 flushed from oak grove.
Western Wood-pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>		1
Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondi</i>		1
Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>		1
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>		2
Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>		5
Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>		10
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	SSC	4
Least Bell's Vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	FE, SE	5 singing ? s: 2 well-spaced before turnaround; 2 at turnaround; 1 at WA boundary.
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>		1
Western Scrub Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>		5
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>		4
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>		3
Bushtit	<i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i>		4
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>		1
Western Bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>		1
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	I	3
Phainopepla	<i>Phainopepla nitens</i>		5
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>		1
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	SSC	1
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>		1
Wilson's Warbler.	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i> .		2
Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>		1
Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>		2
California Towhee	<i>Pipilo crissalis</i>		5

Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerine</i>		2
Brewer's Sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>		2
Black-chinned Sparrow	<i>Spizella atrogularis</i>		2
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>		2
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>		5
Black-throated Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>		3
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>		2
Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>		15
Blue Grosbeak	<i>Guiraca caerulea</i>		3
Lazuli Bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>		2
Blackbird/Cowbird sp.	Icteridae		10+ (fly-by)
Western Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>		2
Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>		1
Lawrence's Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis lawrencei</i>		3 at spring.

### REPTILES

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Comments*
Coastal Whiptail	<i>Cnemidophorus tigris</i>		
Coast Horned Lizard	<i>Phrynosoma coronatum</i>	SSC	
Granite Spiny Lizard	<i>Sceloporus orcutti</i>		
Side-blotched Lizard	<i>Uta stansburiana</i>		
Granite Night Lizard	<i>Xantusia henshawi</i>		
San Diego Alligator Lizard	<i>Elgaria multicarinata</i>		
Speckled Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus mitchellii</i>		
Red Diamond Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus ruber</i>	SSC	
S. Pacific Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus viridis</i>		
San Diego Gopher Snake	<i>Pituophis catenifer</i>		
Western Long-nosed Snake	<i>Rhinocheilus lecontei</i>		
Rosy Boa	<i>Lichanura trivirgata</i>	SSC	
California Striped Racer	<i>Masticophis lateralis</i>		

### AMPHIBIANS

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Comments*
Western Toad	<i>Bufo boreas</i>		
Pacific Treefrog	<i>Hyla regilla</i>		

### INVERTEBRATES

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Comments*
Edward's (Ceraunus) Blue	<i>Hemiargus ceraunus gyas</i>		

\* All records from Department of Fish and Game biologists; numbers refer to maximums detected per visit.

Status Codes : SE-State endangered; FE-Federal endangered; FT-Federal threatened; FP-State fully protected; SSC-California Species of Special Concern; I-Introduced.



